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SUBJECT: PIA HIJACKING

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1. PASSENGERS ON PK 301 INDICATE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE FOR ABORTIVE HIJACKING ATTEMPT.
2. THE 747 TOOK OFF FOR KARACHI AT 11:30. ABOUT 15 MINUTES LATER THE HIJACKER, NOW BEING IDENTIFIED AS SAID HUSSAIN, AN EX-ENLISTED SOLDIER WORKING IN THE CENTRAL ORDINANCE WORKS GOT UP AND MUMBLED IN URDU THAT HE WAS NOT POLITICALLY CONNECTED WITH ANYBODY AND THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO NEW DELHI BECAUSE HE HAD URGENT BUSINESS THERE. OBSERVERS IN THE CABIN SAY THAT THE MAN WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND AND DIDNOT APPEAR TO BE IN FULL CONTROL OF HIMSELF.

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RUMOR ALREADY HAS IT THAT THE MAN IS ASSOCIATED WITH A PLOT TO FREE BHUTTO. DURING HIS SHORT SPEECH ANOTHER PASSENGER, TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS A NON-COMMISSIONED SOLDIER, APPROACHED THE HIJACKER FROM THE REAR AND BEGAN STRUGGLING WITH HIM. DURING THE STRUGGLE A PHOSPHORUS GRENADE FELL ON THE FLOOR. THE PASSENGER APPARENTLY PUSHED THE HIJACKER ONTO THE GRENADE

BEFORE IT WENT OFF.

3. THE HIJACKER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND LOST A HAND. THE MILITARY PASSENGER WAS ALSO TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BUT THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES IS NOT KNOWN. TWO OTHER PASSENGERS INCLUDING BRITISH CITIZEN MALCOLM FIDGE AND ANOTHER PAKISTANI RECEIVED MINOR CUTS FROM FLYING METAL.

4. THE PLANE RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD WHERE THE INJURED WERE REMOVED TO A HOSPITAL. THE REST OF THE PASSENGERS WERE ALSO REMOVED WHILE THE PLANE UNDERWENT REPAIRS. THE PASSENGERS WHO ELECTED TO CONTINUE THEN REBOARDED. THE PLANE TOOK OFF FOR KARACHI AT ABOUT 3:10 PM.

4. OTHER THAN COURIER LYLE MORSE AND AID CONTROLLER WILLIAM MCMOIL WE KNOW OF NO OTHER AMERICANS ON BOARD. NO AMERICANS WERE AMONG THE INJURED.
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